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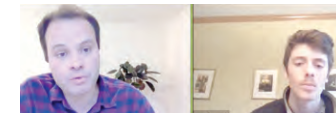
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## Ludlow Mills clocktower building receives

By Elise Linscott  
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LUDLOW – The prominent Mill 8 clocktower building rehabilitation and reconstruction project in the Ludlow Mills complex is now \$400,000 closer to its goal.

The building is currently owned by Westmass Area Development Corp., which has a pending purchase and sale agreement with WinnDevelopment. The developer plans to buy the building – likely around this time next year – once another \$1.1 million in historical tax credits is secured from Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin's office.

Galvin's office has been providing \$400,000 in historical tax credits three times a year and will likely provide three more rounds of funding, according to Westmass President and CEO Jeff Daley, who's the recipient until the purchase and sale agreement goes through. The \$60 million Mill 8 project has already received \$2.3 million in

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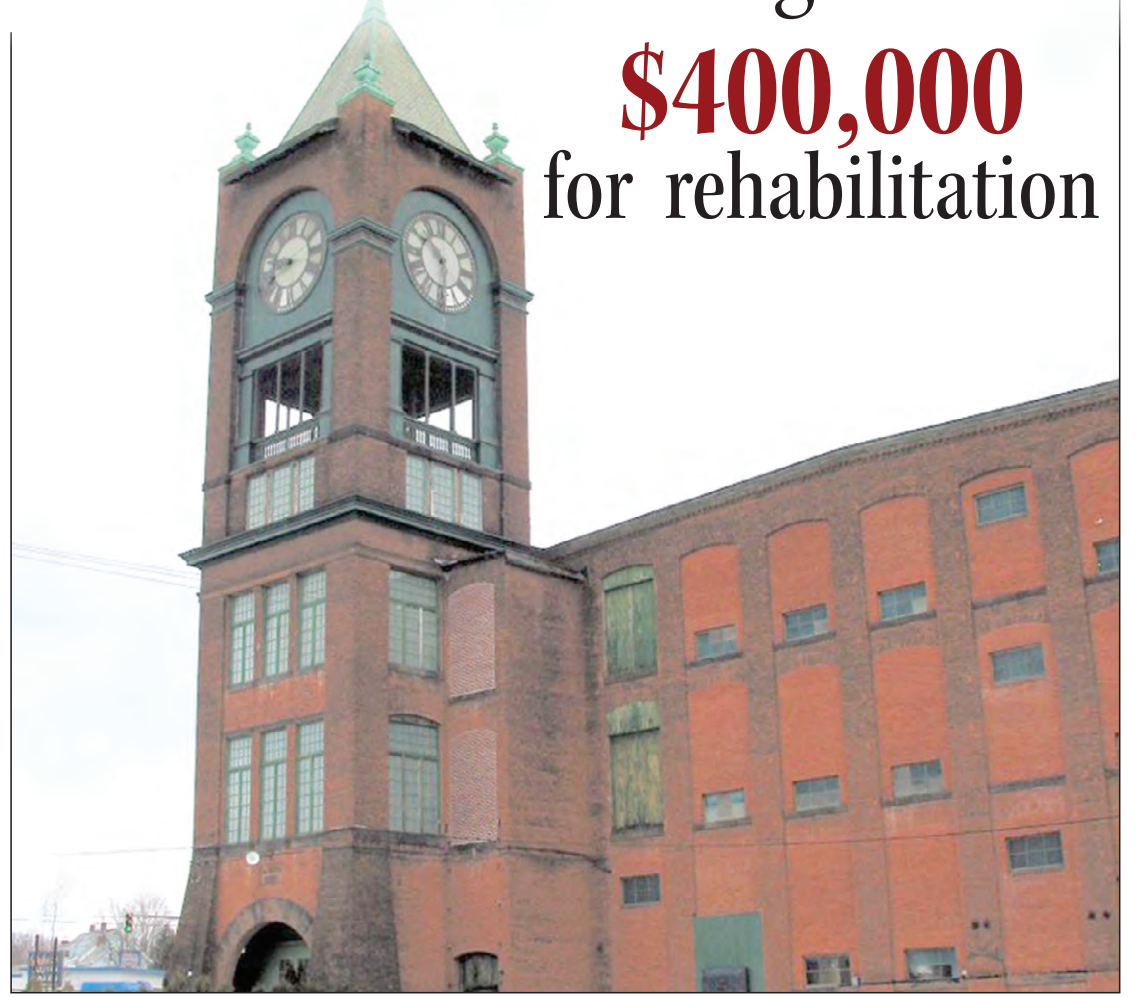


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# \$400,000

for rehabilitation

## Police Officer Halastra ready to serve the town of Ludlow

By Jonah Snowden  
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LUDLOW -- Since he was a kid, newly hired Ludlow Police Officer Matthew Halastra has dreamed of having a career in law enforcement. After graduating Ludlow High School in 2015, he felt his path was set in stone.

There are many roles and steps Halastra took before becoming a police officer. One of them was attending Westfield State University from 2015 to 2019 where he studied Criminal Justice and Political Science with a concentration in Law. A few of the courses he took while attending were Law Enforcement and Society, Multinational Crime and Criminal Justice Ethics.

While attending the university, he also worked as a public safety officer and conducted tasks such as patrolling the campus. Halastra said that this experience introduced him to the police department setting. This



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden  
**Officer Matthew Halastra**

also played a big role in introducing him to how law enforcement works.

"I get up every morning with a smile on face, knowing that I love this work," Halastra said. "This is the kind of work that I always thrived being in. For the town of Ludlow, I plan on being here for as long as I can be. I look forward to a long future here and

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## Ludlow resident steps into new role as police officer

By Jonah Snowden  
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LUDLOW – Newly hired Ludlow Police Officer Ogu-zhan Karaaslan said there are several reasons why he chose a career in law enforcement – one of which is to follow in the footsteps of his father, Neset Karaaslan, who was a police officer when he lived in Turkey.

Another reason behind the decision took place at Western New England University, which Karaaslan attended from 2014 to 2018 while pursuing a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. While there, he met Ludlow Police Department's Lt. Daniel Valadas, who was one of his instructors. Valadas also introduced Karaaslan to the Specials Police Training Academy, which is completed through the Hampden County Sheriff's Department.



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden  
**Officer Ogu-zhan Karaaslan**

"It introduced me to policing in a more in-depth way," said Karaaslan.

Through this hands-on experience, Karaaslan said he was able to learn how to handle scenario-based calls and how to properly interact with others while on the scene.

After his time at the academy, he took a Civil Service

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## BELMONT DRIVING SCHOOL SAYS "THANK YOU"



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A sign in the window of Belmont Driving School, 153 East Street in Ludlow, thanks healthcare and essential workers during the coronavirus pandemic.

## Memorial Day Parade canceled

LUDLOW - Sadly, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the current Governors policy on social distancing and group sizes, The Town will not be holding its traditional Memorial Day Parade. As a town we will always continue to honor the brave men and women who gave of themselves for our freedoms. Instead, we are asking that all willing Ludlow residents decorate their doors and/or windows, front yards in their best patriotic fashion in their honor.

Please share your pictures with the Ludlows' Veterans Office via Facebook or by emailing your pictures to [esegundo@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:esegundo@ludlow.ma.us)

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If you would like to receive activity information via e-mail, please call the Center at 583-3564 or e-mail Maria at [activity@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:activity@ludlow.ma.us). She has many Zoom classes scheduled including exercise classes, craft videos, trivia and book club. Please 'like' Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook for tons

of information and classes. Please watch cable access channel 191 for videos and updates. If you would like to reach our newsletter by mail, please call the Center and leave your name and address. We are sorry it is late but we are doing our best. Please remember that we miss you! Stay connected!

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# Ludlow Rotary delivers meals and toiletries on Mother's Day

LUDLOW – On Mother’s Day, fellow Rotarians joined Our Lady of Fatima parishioners in putting together meals and toiletries for seniors.

Meals on Wheels delivers meals to senior citizens throughout the week but on weekends, those seniors go without. The Take and Eat program provides supplemental meals on weekends, which the Ludlow Rotary Club has supported for many years. Many of these same seniors also ran out of much needed toilet paper; this is where local Ludlow Rotarians assisted those in need.

The Ludlow Rotary Club provided meals to 65 senior citizens in Ludlow. Rotary club President Kevin Vestal (Charter Oak Financial), Sergeant at Arms Maria Crespo (Keller Williams Realty) and Rotarian Tony Sanches (Arrha Credit Union) met with Take and Eat program participants Adelina Ferreira and Maria Clara Kaloroumakis to put together the meals prepared by Tony and Penny’s and included toilet paper in the deliveries. Club president Kevin Vestal added that, “It was a proud



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moment to give back to the community in providing the meals and toiletries to deserving seniors. The fact that it coin-

cided with Mother’s Day made it more meaningful”.

Meals were prepared by Tony and

Penny’s in Ludlow and toilet paper was procured from Mansfield Paper in West Springfield.

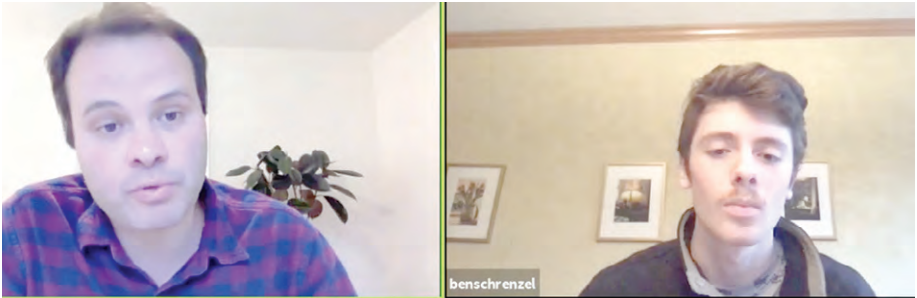
# Sen. Lesser congratulates high school essay contest winner via livestream

SPRINGFIELD — On Monday, Senator Eric P. Lesser offered congratulations to Benjamin Schrenzel, Belchertown resident and junior at Belchertown High School, during a livestream conversation on his winning essay. The two discussed Ben’s policy ideas to address student mental health and life as a high school student during the coronavirus outbreak. Schrenzel’s essay was selected out of submissions from all nine cities and towns in the First Hampden and Hampshire District.

The video from the livestream can be accessed on Facebook and Twitter.

Read Schrenzel’s essay below:

The mental health crisis is a situation affecting high school students across Massachusetts, yet it does not receive the attention it deserves. Mental health issues, which alter the way a person thinks or interacts with others, impact one out of every five teenagers (Department of Health and Human Services). The stresses of school—excessive workloads or a social scene that is difficult to navigate—only worsen these problems, leading to lower



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test scores, higher dropout rates, and increased anxiety and depression. According to the DHHS, 27% of Massachusetts high school students have felt so “sad or hopeless” that they have stopped doing usual activities for 2 or more weeks, and that statistic has been steadily increasing since 2009 (CDC). Schools, where students spend hours of their day, are unfortunately ill-equipped to adequately help with these issues. A change in a student’s behavior could be detected by teachers very quickly; however, they are often too overworked to notice or aren’t trained to properly ad-

dress such conditions. While professionals like social workers could aid affected students, there simply aren’t enough of them. The National Association of Social Workers recommends that there be 1 social worker for every 250 students, but that ratio was closer to 1 for every 500 students in Massachusetts (2018), as per a Bureau of Labor Statistics estimate. Without the proper systems and staff in place, students’ mental health continues to decline.

To solve the mental health crisis with just one solution would be impossible, but certain measures could be taken to help alleviate it. One such measure could be the introduction of “mental health days.” These days would function like sick days, allowing students to stay home from school for mental health reasons classified as an illness. This policy would work

twofold; not only would it permit students to take time to recuperate from their afflictions, but it would also validate those very afflictions. Mental health conditions are often overlooked because they’re not overtly visible, and they’re only further dismissed without any formal policies to recognize them. “Mental health days” cement them as real, bring awareness to them, and could trigger conversations between students and parents as to how to treat them. The policy of allowing students to take “mental health days” could just be instituted on a district-by-district basis; however, it would be most effective if implemented at a state level, and such has already been done. With Oregon’s House Bill 2191, absences can be excused if they pertain to the “mental or behavioral health of the pupil.” Additionally, Utah’s House Bill 234 Compulsory Education Revisions expand the definition of a “valid excuse” for an absence to any malady “which may be mental or physical.” A simple amendment to the definition of a school absence would greatly aid the more than 1 in 4 Massachusetts high school students experiencing mental health issues. And though many more steps must be taken in order for this crisis to be significantly alleviated, perhaps this one will be the change that triggers them.

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The current interior of the mill building.

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tax credits.

“We’re really putting together a good team to make sure we get this across the finish line,” Daley said. “We couldn’t do this without the town administrator, the Board of Selectmen, (7th Hampden) Rep. Thomas Petrolati and (1st Hampden and Hampshire) Sen. Eric Lesser.”

Once the project is complete, it will be a mixed-use residential and commercial building, with businesses on the ground floor and 72 apartments, according to Petrolati.

Westmass bought the Mills complex in 2011. WinnDevelopment has since purchased and rehabilitated the Mill 10 building, which has been “completely rehabbed into gorgeous apartments,” said Ludlow Board of Selectmen chair Derek DeBarge.

Daley said that the historical tax credits program is “important and powerful” – helping historic and many times dilapidated buildings get restored through tax credits from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Under the program, a certified rehabilitation project on an income-producing property is eligible to receive up to 20 percent of the cost of certified rehabilitation expenditures in state tax credits, according to the Secretary of State’s website.

Funding has already been secured for Riverside Drive, which will run behind the mills complex to First Avenue.

“We’re confident that can go out for bid in August and we can put a shovel in the ground in September,” Petrolati said.

The \$7 million for Riverside Drive came from a workforce grant from the state and a matching grant from the federal government, Petrolati said.

“It’s an exciting time and it’s all coming together,” Petrolati said. “The new senior center (also on the mills campus) should be completed by November of this year. With road construction being started this year, that will give us the ability to open up another 60 acres at the end of First Avenue. If you drive by there now, you can see there’s some logging being done. It’s opened up the property, so people are starting to get an understanding of how big that 60 acres is and the potential that has to generate a more diverse tax base and also create more jobs.”

Daley and DeBarge both said Petrolati has been an instrumental part of securing funding for the mills complex.

“This is a project that is going to change Ludlow forever,” DeBarge said. “What it means to us is a future of great revenue, a future of booming business, and a future of prosperity. I couldn’t be more excited about this. I think the only one who’s more excited about this is Rep. Petrolati, because without him this whole project would never have happened. He’s done all of the heavy lifting for this mills project with Westmass and the state.”

Once the remaining tax credits are secured and plans are finalized, buildout of Mill 8 is expected to take about two years, DeBarge said.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Ludlow Police Log

The Ludlow Police Department responded to 1,277 calls for service from Tuesday, April 7th through Saturday, May 9th. The department’s police officers made 36 arrests or summons/warrant arrests. There were 12 domestic assault-related arrests. Per Massachusetts law, names of persons arrested for domestic violence charges cannot be publicly disseminated before a public court arraignment. There was one arrest for a mental health warrant, no arrests for protective custody and no juvenile arrests or summons.

Those arrested will appear at future dates in Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

**Monday, April 20**

Meghan M. Plourde, 38, of Ludlow, was arrested at 3:54 p.m. on West Street for an arrest warrant.

**Wednesday, April 22**

Craig Michael Powell, 45, of Enfield, Conn., was arrested at 1:03

a.m. on Highland Avenue for an arrest warrant.

Shemika S. Ruiz, 40, of Springfield, was arrested at 1:08 p.m. on State Street for violating an abuse prevention order.

**Wednesday, April 29**

William Jones, 51, of Springfield, was arrested at 12:06 a.m. on Highland Avenue for four arrest warrants.

**Friday, May 1**

Stephen M. Smola, 26, of Palmer, was arrested at 3:58 p.m. on East Street for an arrest warrant and furnishing false ID information to law enforcement.

Brenda M. Sweet, 24, of Spencer, was arrested at 3:58 p.m. on East Street for operating under the influence of drugs; possessing a Class A drug; two counts of reckless endangerment of children; and possessing a Class B drug.

## DA Gulluni comments on MOU signed with The Diocese of Springfield over clergy sexabuse reporting

SPRINGFIELD – “Past discrepancies in the reporting of abuse allegations made it clear that there was a need for a specific and uniform process. The executed memorandum of understanding will allow law enforcement to better protect and assist victims of abuse who courageously choose to come forward. In any event, I remind everyone that no matter the age of the complaint,

or whether it was previously reported, any victim of clergy sexual abuse should feel free to contact law enforcement directly. You can do so by utilizing the Hampden District Attorney’s dedicated clergy abuse hotline at 413-800-2958. Experienced detectives from the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to my office receive all calls.”



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Worrisome trends affecting representative democracy

By Lee H. Hamilton  
Guest columnist

We’ve seen plenty of evidence lately of the deep polarization in this country. Even in the midst of this crisis, national politicians, the political parties and their adherents are finding plenty to fight over—even as, for the most part, ordinary Americans have been remarkably united and many governors and mayors have worked hard to handle the coronavirus pandemic competently and guided by expert advice.

The question as we look ahead is whether the trends we’d been seeing before the pandemic will reassert themselves, or instead there will be some sort of reset. Because those earlier trends are extremely worrisome.

For years now, it’s been common for politicians to label their rivals as unpatriotic and illegitimate. The deep freeze in cross-aisle relations in Congress had made progress there extremely difficult, though the crisis has given congressional leaders and members of the Trump Administration no choice but to keep bargaining until they hammer out agreements.

Other trends are equally problematic. The federal civil service, for instance, has always fielded a lot of very good people—dedicated public servants who try not to be partisan, remain independent in their views, and support the work of whichever administration is in power. They want to make government work better. That has gotten much harder to pull off in recent years, and the result is a civil service that is losing workers, institutional knowledge, and competence. There are still capable civil servants, many of whom have been doing their best to keep federal services on an even keel during this crisis, but it’s hard to escape the feeling that their impact has been diminished.

Likewise with the judiciary, which has become more politicized. It’s a worrisome trend in a branch of government that has generally stood for even-handed justice and, over the long term, strengthened Americans’ civil rights and civil liberties. The President, however, likes to say that his biggest achievement in office has been to put very conservative judges into power, a claim that undermines the judicial branch’s standing as the pillar of independence this country long depended upon. Ideology will always play a role in judicial choices, but making judges more nakedly political is a destructive trend.

This extends to the media, as well. For whatever reason, it exercises less rigorous oversight of government, and what does exist is more partisan. While there’s coverage of national issues and politics, the trends have led to less robust local coverage, and a less healthy democracy.

As polarization has deepened, Congress has gridlocked, presidential power has expanded (not a new thing, by the way), and the government has become less responsive and less effective. It took a national crisis to lay bare some of these issues, but the trends underlying them have been going on for some time, and fixing them will take time, too.

This has to start with ordinary Americans. Voters need to reclaim our democracy and demand that the system that made us a great nation—one that adhered to the checks and balances and separate institutional responsibilities laid out in our Constitution—be restored. At the community, state, and federal levels, our job is to maintain the

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GUEST COLUMN

Help for old lilacs

While we never did get that new picket fence finished for Mother’s Day, we did attack a patch of lilacs that were in terrible need of TLC. The poor things were growing in stone and covered in grapevine and a fair share of poison ivy. They really struggled last year and because of that have only a few buds. Once they are finished blooming we’ll cut them back and do our best to enrich the soil and cross our fingers that they will rejuvenate. If you too like lilacs and are in need of a refresher course on their culture, read on.

I find it funny that for 50 weeks out of the year this nondescript bush blends into the background, but then, for two glorious weeks in May the spotlight is all its own. Sure, the flowers are great, but I think that they are merely a vessel for the intoxicating fragrance. I sniff it once and I am taken back to my childhood and the purple lilacs that bordered our back porch.

It is not difficult to succeed with lilacs providing you meet their basic requirements. Although they will survive in shade, they will not bloom there. Plant them in full sun in well-drained soil, avoiding areas that puddle water in summer or become encased in ice in winter. This is not to say lilacs like a drought, they do appreciate supplemental watering during dry spells. Lilacs prefer neutral to alkaline soil. Since soils in Massachusetts tend to be acidic adjusting the pH with lime is likely to be necessary.

Transplant in early spring or early fall, allowing a good 10 feet of space per lilac. If a hedgerow of like varieties is desired spacing can be reduced to six feet apart. While lilacs may bloom the first season after transplanting, it may take three years for them to establish and flower regularly. As soon as flowering is finished remove spent blossoms down to the first leaf. Seed formation will be halted and energy will be conserved and redirected to next season’s flower production. Since buds are set in summer it is important to tackle any

necessary pruning soon after flowering as well. If pruning takes place in fall, winter, or in spring prior to bloom there is a good chance buds will be sacrificed.

If your lilacs have become too woody and blooms are sniffed by use of tippy-toes it is time for some rejuvenation. Start in the center of the bush at ground level and work out, cutting out the oldest stems. Then concentrate on reducing

the overall height to about 8 feet. Severely overgrown lilacs can be handled in this manner over a three-year period, pruning out one third each year.

You can propagate your own lilacs simply by transplanting a sucker from the main bush. In spring, use a spade to separate it, but leave it in place until the fall, by that time it will have grown its own roots and will be safe to move.

Two diseases that affect the leaves of lilac are powdery mildew fungus and leafroll necrosis, both of which are more cosmetic than injurious to plant health. Powdery mildew appears as white blotches on the leaves in late summer and fall. Adequate spacing and regular pruning to improve air circulation may reduce the attack. Leafroll necrosis causes leaves to curl and is thought to be the result of air pollution. Some varieties are more susceptible to these diseases than others, keep this in mind when making your selection at the nursery. There are hundreds of cultivars of the Common Lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*). Single and double-flowering forms are available, and colors range from traditional lilac-purple to other shades of purple, pink, magenta and white.

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# Baker-Polito administration announces four-phase approach to reopening

*New standards will apply to all workplaces when phased reopening begins*

BOSTON – On May 11th, the Baker-Polito Administration announced a four-phase approach to reopening the Massachusetts economy amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and published Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards that will apply across all sectors and industries once reopening begins.

The goal of the phased reopening, based on public health guidance, is to methodically allow certain businesses, services, and activities to resume, while protecting public health and limiting a resurgence of new COVID-19 cases.

Phase 1 will be “Start:” limited industries resume operations with severe restrictions

Phase 2 will be “Cautious:” additional industries resume operations with restrictions and capacity limits

Phase 3 will be “Vigilant:” additional industries resume operations with guid-

ance

Phase 4 will be the “New Normal:” development of vaccine and/or therapy enables resumption of new normal

Businesses and activities that provided “COVID-19 Essential Services,” per Governor Baker’s March 23rd order, will continue to operate. Certain businesses and activities with a lower risk of COVID-19 transmission will open in earlier phases. Decisions and timing will be influenced by public health metrics for when the first phase of reopening begins, as well as when it is safe to move into concurrent phases.

Additionally, the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the COVID-19 Command Center, in consultation with the Reopening Advisory Board and based on feedback from industry, labor, and community coalitions, has developed Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission as employees and customers begin to return to workplaces during the first phase of reopening. These Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards are applicable to all sectors and industries

that will be open in phase one, and create new workplace requirements for social distancing, hygiene, staffing and operations, and cleaning. These standards are being released to give workplaces time to plan and prepare for reopening.

**For social distancing:**

All persons, including employees, customers, and vendors should remain at least six feet apart to the greatest extent possible, both inside and outside workplaces

Establish protocols to ensure that employees can practice adequate social distancing

Provide signage for safe social distancing

Require face coverings or masks for all employees

**For hygiene:**

Provide hand washing capabilities throughout the workplace

Ensure frequent hand washing by employees and adequate supplies to do so

Provide regular sanitization of high touch areas, such as workstations, equipment, screens, doorknobs, restrooms throughout work site

**For staffing and operations:**

Provide training for employees regarding the social distancing and hygiene protocols

Employees who are displaying COVID19-like symptoms do not report to work

Establish a plan for employees getting ill from COVID-19 at work, and a return-to-work plan

**For cleaning and disinfecting:**

Establish and maintain cleaning protocols specific to the business

When an active employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, cleaning and disinfecting must be performed

Disinfection of all common surfaces must take place at intervals appropriate to said workplace

In addition to these Mandatory Standards which apply to all workplaces, the Reopening Advisory Board is developing Sector Specific Safety Protocols and Best Practices that will detail how particular industries should operate upon reopening.

The Reopening Advisory Board is scheduled to provide its full report to Governor Baker on Monday, May 18th.

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moving up the ranks as I go.”

In January of 2016, Halastra joined and continues to serve in the Massachusetts Army and National Guard. In the military, he also worked as a military police officer. One of his responsibilities included working during the 2018 and 2019 Boston Marathon, which he said was his first “real taste of real law enforcement.” At the marathon, Halastra said that he and

other officers conducted bag inspections and enforced the rule that all bags present had to be clear. If any bag was not clear, they had to investigate. Another valuable experience for Halastra was working at Boston University’s Medical Campus as a part-time police officer before being hired by the Ludlow Police Department.

Regarding the hiring process in Ludlow, Halastra was first interviewed by staff members of the town’s police department and later by the Board of Selectmen.

From Dec. 2 through April 30, Halastra studied at the Springfield Police Academy. Because of his previous positions, which gave him an inside look in policing, Halastra said that the fulltime academy put his remaining questions at ease.

Halastra said he is currently going through a 12-week field training program where he patrols with another officer who shows him the ropes while learning the policies of the Ludlow Police Department. He’s also fluent in Polish, which

can give him an advantage when responding to calls made by residents who speak the same language. Halastra said that his new position in Ludlow is a “dream come true,” and he’s looking forward to serving the town that he has grown up in. Since going to elementary school and high school and making a lifetime of memories with his friends, Ludlow has been a place Halastra enjoys being a part of and is looking forward now playing a part in keeping it safe.

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# IN THE CLASSROOM

## STCC Theater Workshop goes online for spring plays

SPRINGFIELD - Audiences for the STCC Theater Workshop's plays normally keep their eyes on the stage, but this spring they will keep their eyes on the screen.

At a time of social distancing, Springfield Technical Community College Theater Workshop will perform three plays, with students acting out their parts from their homes in front of their computers.

"We had to change things up this spring due to the stay-at-home adviso-

ries related to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Phil O'Donoghue, theater professor. "What was originally seven short plays was cut to three plays that can be performed for the screen. I'm very impressed with rehearsals and how this is turning out. I think audiences will enjoy what our students have come up with."

The Theater Workshop sent lighting equipment and costumes to the homes of student actors to boost the production quality.

One play chronicles a therapy ses-

sion. The other two dramatize phone conversations. The three plays have been performed at major 10-minute play festivals. The plays are "Your Mother's Butt," by Alan Ball; "Customer Service," by Philip Hall; and "Miss You," by David Auburn

The performances will be available for viewing starting May 15 on STCC's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

O'Donoghue said the production would not have been possible without help from the STCC community, includ-

ing STCC Digital Media Professor John Wakelin, STCC Dean of Liberal and Professional Studies Richard Greco, and STCC Marketing and Communications Director Keith Paul.

Cast members are Hannah Bruso-Penkala of Ludlow; Cedric Patterson of Springfield; Gracie Pighetti of Wilbraham; Raquel Polite of Springfield; and Giovanni Tolliver of Springfield

Interested in applying to STCC? Visit [stcc.edu/apply](http://stcc.edu/apply) or call Admissions at (413) 755-3333.

## St. John the Baptist Nursery School registration

LUDLOW - St. John the Baptist School is accepting registrations for Nursery School for 2020-2021. As an integral part of St. John the Baptist School, the preschool benefits from the larger community by offering: before and after-school care, hot lunch program, computer, art, music, and gym. The school has full and half-day programs available for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds.

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## New WNE Family Defense Practicum to help fill need for legal representation of children and indigent parents

SPRINGFIELD - The Western New England University School of Law will introduce a Family Defense Practicum into the JD curriculum in Spring 2021. This immersive experiential learning opportunity is the result of a partnership between WNE University School of Law and the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS), the statewide public defender system. Working with the CPCS's Children and Family Law (CAFL) program, the initiative is designed to help alleviate the shortage of certified attorneys who have the time and training to represent families in need in western Massachusetts. The program will be helpful in preparing students for future CAFL work, and those who want to participate in the

CAFL Pipeline Program.

Participants in the Family Defense Practicum will spend 16 hours a week at their jobsite working under the supervision of staff attorneys as student lawyers in the Children and Family Law (CAFL) division of CPCS. The CAFL division provides legal representation to both children and indigent parents in child welfare matters. Student lawyers will have the opportunity to represent parents in child welfare proceedings as well as child clients who are verbal and can articulate their position. They may also have the opportunity to represent infants and toddlers, in which the student lawyer will aid in substituting judgment for the child. Practicum applicants must satisfy all pre-

requisites, attend an orientation and weekly seminar, and fulfill the requirements for student practice certification under SJC Rule 3:03.

"We at CPCS are very excited to have students join us in our work in the Juvenile Courts," said Barra Cohen, staff attorney at the Amherst-Northampton CAFL Office. "I think that many people may not realize the important work that is done there. In part that may be due to the fact that in Massachusetts care and protections occur in impounded courts, so the public is not allowed in. We hope that this program will help to bring awareness to this interesting and important area of law and in turn bring in passionate new lawyers into the fold."

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# Frederick C. Tillis, UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center Director Emeritus, dies at 90

Musician, composer, author created enduring legacy in the performing arts

AMHERST - Dr. Frederick C. Tillis, musician - composer, poet, arts advocate, director emeritus of the UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center (FAC) and co-founder and director emeritus of the Jazz in July program, died at age 90 on Sunday, May 3.

Tillis served as the FAC director for nearly 20 years but even in retirement remained connected to the FAC, its staff and community. He also continued performing, composing music and writing poetry in recent years. His passion for the arts and commitment to arts education made this community and the lives of all he touched richer and more expansive.

UMass Amherst Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy said, "Dr. Fred Tillis leaves an extraordinary legacy at UMass Amherst. He was a gentle soul who made me feel at once like we had known each other a long time. Fred was proud of the program he built at the Fine Arts Center and was devoted to its long-term viability. He was a strong advocate for the performing arts and the preservation of cultural heritage."

As a composer, performer, poet, educator, and arts administrator, Tillis profoundly shaped the cultural and musical life at UMass Amherst, the Pioneer Valley and beyond. A performer and

composer of unusual breadth, his work spans both the jazz and European traditions, and encompassed a wide range of cultural references. His more than 100 compositions include works for piano and voice, orchestra and chorus, along with chamber music and works in the African-American spiritual tradition. As a poet, he published 15 books.

Current FAC Director Jamilla Deria said, "I did not have the opportunity to know Dr. Tillis well, but I've felt his indelible imprint in every facet of our work. From our very first meeting last summer to our many brief encounters at performances throughout the year, it was clear to me that the FAC was not just a place he worked, but was in fact a piece of him."

Tillis was born in 1930 in Galveston, Texas, and began to play jazz trumpet and saxophone professionally before his teens; known as Baby Tillis. Growing up in a segregated school system, Tillis enrolled at Wiley College when he was only 16, and earned his bachelor's degree three years later. Immediately upon graduating from Wiley, he began to teach at the college, beginning a long career in music education. Tillis received his master's degree from the University of Iowa under Philip Bezanson in 1952. After a four-year stint in the Army Air Corps, where he led the Air Force band, Tillis then resumed



Frederick C. Tillis

teaching at Wiley and North Texas State before returning to the University of Iowa to receive his Ph.D. From 1964 to 1970, Tillis taught at Grambling State University and Kentucky State University until he was recruited by Bezanson to teach full time at UMass Amherst in 1970.

While at UMass, Tillis founded a number of programs and courses of study that greatly enriched the life of music majors and the general student body. In 1978, he was appointed director of the FAC and helped start some of the university's most successful art initiatives, including the Jazz and Afro-American Music Studies program, the Jazz in July Summer Music program, the New World Theater, the Augusta Savage Gallery and the Asian Arts and Culture Program. He also received a variety of awards and represented the UMass music department and the university as a cultural ambassador, performing locally, nationally and internationally with students, alumni and faculty such as Salvatore Macchia, Jeffrey Holmes, David Sporny and Horace Boyer.

Tillis was an influential educator, helping to establish the jazz studies programs at both the University of Fort Hare, South Africa and the Chulalongkorn University, Thailand and serving on several cultural boards including the International Association of Jazz Educators and the Massachusetts

Council on the Arts, and review committees at the National Endowment for the Arts.

Dr. Willie Hill, former FAC director and Tillis' successor, was also a student of his. Hill said, "He has meant so much to me since 1964, when I had the privilege of having him as my music theory and orchestra teacher at Grambling State University for two years. Dr. Tillis was a giant in the music and arts education arenas and a visionary arts administrator. He will be sorely missed for his unselfish contributions to our organization, by the FAC staff, advisory board, friends and UMass community at large."

Upon his retirement from UMass in 1997, Tillis was appointed emeritus director of the Fine Arts Center. The W.E.B. Du Bois Library maintains the Frederick Tillis papers, which document an extraordinary career in the arts and in arts administration, as well as Tillis' role as a composer and poet. The collection includes a large number of his original compositions, including the Spiritual Fantasy series and In the Spirit and the Flesh, two of his most in-depth works, as well as compositions from before his tenure at UMass.

Close family friend and Emeritus faculty and Chair of Afro-American Studies, Esther Terry offered, "I loved Fred Tillis. The breadth of his knowledge and the height of his achievement are indeed remarkable; but what I also learned from him over the years was that I was blessed to be in his presence and that nei-

ther knowledge nor achievement is worth much if not placed in the service of humanity. We are saying goodbye to this giant of a man at a time when his influence is most needed in our country and in the world. But we will always have his example."

NEPR hosts Walter Carroll and Tom Reney honored Tillis' 90th birthday and his works in their January and February programming, broadcasting Niger Symphony, his rendition of Motherless Child; his performances of When Lights Are Low, It Ain't Necessarily So and Memories of You, along with a movement from the Festival Journey Concerto and the piece Freedom. Before the pandemic shutdown, his composition Three Showpieces for Viola was performed by Jannina Norpoth at the Detroit Institute of Arts in February and his composition Spiritual Fantasy No. 12 was performed by the Arianna String Quartet at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in March.

Tillis is pre-deceased by his wife, Louise and survived by his daughters Pamela and Patricia; nieces Edna Louise Richards, Janet Livingston-Williams Lawrence, and Glendra Gunishaw-Johnson; son-in law Paul Hammacott; and several great nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Tillis' life will be planned for a future date. In the meantime, an online memorial page is available for people to visit, view photos and leave remembrances.

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## Lions liked chances for 2020 season

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School boys volleyball team may not have had the prolific success of neighboring Comp, or the recent successful run Westfield has had, but the Lions have always been a winning squad that makes the tournament on a regular basis.

“Five years ago, despite having a long tradition of winning in our program we only had three freshmen tryout,” said coach Fred Glanville. “I was concerned and worried about volleyball program continuing like it had been. But, the following season we had eight freshmen tryout and I was re-

lieved and pleased. These seniors rejuvenated the volleyball program by coming out in their freshman and sophomore years. With their leadership and popularity, they helped make volleyball program viable again. This season would have had the most players we ever had at a tryout in my 21 years of coaching volleyball. Hopefully, not playing this year will not affect next year’s participation.

Glanville said he would have had six seniors on the squad this season. This is what he shared about them:

“Nate Homans missed last

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Malik Serisser tries to get a return hit over the net.



Brendan LaFleur attempts a spike.



Tyler Goncalves sets up a play during a game last season. He would have been a senior this year.

## Senior athletes to be highlighted in coming weeks

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

Over the next several weeks, the sports section will have stories and photos about the various spring sports teams that were never even able to have a practice, and eventually saw their full season cancelled. You can see them starting in this week’s editions.

We will be talking with spring coaches and athletic directors, but would also love to hear from senior players about their feelings about the spring season being cancelled.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

If you don’t see your child’s sport in the paper, please encourage your son or daughter’s coach to contact us so they can all be included.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn’t.

## Golf courses allowed to open, carts for those in need

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After more than a month of waiting, a sigh of relief has come over at least one sport as Gov. Charlie Baker lifted the ban on golf courses. Golf courses were able to open up last Thursday after Baker took heat for being the only state in the country not to allow golfing.

Two golf courses in central Massachusetts, one of them being Wachusett Golf Course, was set to re-open despite the governor’s ban, but Baker lifted it before owners could defy him.

His move was not made without restrictions, many of which will slightly change how the game is played temporarily,

such as the fact that flags must remain in the hole and flags that are hit with the ball not going in the hole are considered a completion of that hole.

One restriction that was met with a lot of unpopularity was the banning of the golf carts, requiring that people walk from hole to hole. For many older golfers, that made the prospect of hitting the course not feasible, and was something that would likely continue to chase golf business to neighboring states, including Connecticut.

But Sunday morning, Baker announced he was lifting the ban on carts, but only for people who show a physical need for them.

According to Mass. Golf, the sport is a \$2.8 billion business in the state. Because golf

can be done with a certain level of social distancing, many people have been clamoring for the re-opening of courses.

For now, with a number of guidelines, golfing is now possible for all ages. Not every golf course has opened, but most private courses have made the decision to open. Because Baker allowed course to employ maintenance staff during the full stay-at-home advisory period, most course were kept up and ready to go last Thursday when the order was lifted.

Municipally-run courses can be opened at the discretion of the individual towns. Agawam Mayor William Sapelli immediately opened Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

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## American Hockey League cancels remainder of 2019-2020 season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds, in conjunction with the American Hockey League (AHL) and Chief Executive Officer David Andrews, announced today that the league’s Board of Governors has voted to cancel the remainder of the 2019-20 AHL regular season and the 2020 Calder Cup playoffs due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis:

“After a lengthy review process, the American Hockey League has determined that the resumption and completion of the 2019-20 season is not feasible in light of current conditions. The League’s operational focus has turned toward actively preparing for the 2020-21 season. We are very grateful to the National Hockey League and its teams for their support and leadership in navigating through the

challenges faced over the past two months. The AHL continues to place paramount importance on the health and safety of our players, officials, staff and fans and all of their families, and we all look forward to returning to our arenas in 2020-21.”

The AHL’s standings – sorted by points percentage – and statistics as of March 12, 2020, are considered final and official, and will serve as the basis for determining league awards for the 2019-20 season.

Statement from Springfield Thunderbirds’ President, Nathan Costa

These truly are unprecedented circumstances, and though it is not the outcome that we all

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# Owls AD honored by UMass-Amherst

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University Director of Athletics Richard (Dick) Lenfest, Jr. has been honored by his alma mater as a recipient of the Harold J. VanderZwaag Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UMass Amherst’s Mark H. McCormack Department of Sport Management.

Lenfest has been the athletic director at Westfield State since the 2005-06 season. In his tenure, Owls’ athletics has been recognized eight times as the Howard C. Smith Cup winner, representative of the best overall athletics program in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference. The Owls won the Smith Cup in 2015, ‘16, ‘17, and 2018, the first four-year sweep in school history.

In the summer of 2018, Lenfest was recognized as an Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of

Athletics (NACDA).

During Lenfest’s tenure, Westfield has added varsity women’s lacrosse, men’s ice hockey, and men’s and women’s golf to its sport offerings. Lenfest has also led fundraising efforts that have helped Westfield State to establish its hockey team, improve its baseball and softball fields, and rename its track, creating endowed funds for track, hockey, and cross country, as well as starting the Owl Club annual and corporate giving programs and Owl Club golf tournament to support athletics.

Lenfest is a graduate of the sport management program at UMass Amherst, and earned his MBA from American International College, where he also served as assistant athletic director and assistant women’s basketball coach. Before beginning his career in college athletics, Lenfest worked for ten years in professional baseball as an assistant general manager in the New

York Mets system, with stops in Pittsburgh, Mass., and Kingsport, Tenn.

Other 2020 honorees included current Pittsburgh Pirates and former Boston Red Sox general manager Ben Cherington, MS 1997, Catherine Carlson, MS 1998, the Senior Vice President, Revenue and Strategy for the Philadelphia Eagles, and Daryl Jasper, BS 1993, vice president of Learfield’s East Region.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is named in honor of longtime professor Dr. VanderZwaag’s unwavering dedication and commitment to the department. Honorees are alumni who display professional excellence, outstanding achievement in the sports industry, and dedication to the McCormack Department of Sport Management.

The Mark H. McCormack Department of Sport Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst is

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## VOLLEYBALL from Page 11

season due to a serious injury. He stayed closely connected to the team last season by managing. He was expected to challenge for the middle blocker position. Tyler Goncalves starting setter for two previous season and was again expected to start. Malik Serriser starting outside hitter for two previous seasons and was expected against to start. Brendan Lafluer started opposite last season and expected again to start. Emilio Mancuso was a utility the front row player last season and was expected start. Jaiden Oyague was a utility back row player and significant playing time last season and expected to be our starting Libero.

The seniors have great personalities, extremely coachable and worked extremely hard in practice. It’s been a real pleasure coaching these young men.”

Glanville said he was excited about the season. He said a close contest against state champion and rival Westfield really jumpstarted the team.

“Last season in a contest at Westfield,” said Glanville. “We lost a very close set to defending state champs and

big rival. In the intermission between sets during the huddle the players were very quiet and glum. Because it was a match after we put ourselves in a position to win, we lost. Then, Brendan excitedly told me that Jaiden declared if we win the next set he would buzz cut his hair. Jaiden has extremely long, very thick and luscious hair that seems impossible to tie up but, somehow, he is able to tie it up in a bund on top of his head. Everyone knows he loves his hair. It’s part of his identity. I said in disbelief ‘No way!’ thinking he would never sacrifice his hair for anything. I asked Jaiden if he would cut his hair if we won the next set. He said he would. In the huddle I said ‘Listen up, guys! Jaiden says he will cut his hair if, we win the next set. He will shave it all off his head!’ Immediately the huddle was abuzz and the team was ready to get back on the court. Of course, we won. As a coach you never know what will motivate your players.

File photos  
 Emilio Mancuso socks a hit over the net.



## GOLF from Page 11

If you are thinking about heading out to the golf course, here are a few of the things you should know to play the game properly and safely under state guidelines: All golfers must maintain proper social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times. Groups of players are restricted to no more than 4 players at one time. Tee Time Policy must be 15 minutes between groups. Golfers must stay in their car until 15 minutes before their tee time and must return to their car immediately following play. All golfers must use their own golf clubs. Sharing golf clubs or rental golf clubs is not allowed.

These are the rules for golf course: Course facilities including but not limited to the clubhouse, golf shop, restaurant, bag room and locker room must remain closed. Personnel will be present to enforce social distancing. No other employees will be allowed to work at the recreational component of the golf operation. All staff must wear face coverings while on property. Members-only clubs can allow guests as determined by the

security personnel on the golf course. Private clubs that allow non-members to make reservations can do so at their discretion. Maintenance personnel are permitted to work on the golf course. Online and remote payment options must be utilized. Flagsticks must remain in the hole. Hole liners must be raised so picking a ball out of the hole doesn’t occur. Bunker rakes must be removed, and ball washers must be removed or covered. Practice putting green, driving range, and chipping areas must be closed. Facilities must have readily accessible hand sanitizer.

It is possible these restrictions will receive another look as the state begins to re-open. Golf is currently the only sport being played in the state.

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## Genevieve Ziemian (Betley), 101

LUDLOW - Genevieve Ziemian of Ludlow, Massachusetts, died peacefully on April 29, 2020 of natural causes at Orchard Valley Senior Living Community in Wilbraham, MA at the age of 101 years and 10 months. She was born in Chicopee, MA during the Spanish influenza pandemic of 1918, daughter of Katherine and Ignacy Betley who separately immigrated from Poland in 1912 and met in Chicopee and later moved to Boston. In 1912 her mother Katherine, was a passenger on the RMS Carpathia that rescued survivors of the RMS Titanic when it was struck by an iceberg and sunk in the North Atlantic Ocean.

Genevieve grew up in Boston, graduated from Boston Girls High School, with Janina, her "Irish twin," in 1936 achieving the Honor Roll for four years and went on to survive the Great Depression, with her four siblings and mother (her father died in a factory accident in 1931) while living in a cold water flat on Mission Hill in Boston.

In 1941, 22 days after Pearl Harbor was bombed, Genevieve married Dr. Stefan Stanley Ziemian from Indian Orchard, MA, who thereafter enlisted in the Army and served as a dentist throughout WWII. When the war ended, the two settled at 768 East Street in Ludlow, MA.

Dentistry played an important role in Genevieve's life; she was an officer and active member of the Yankee Ladies Auxiliary to the National Dental Association for many years where she and other devotees championed the importance of dental care for children and supported numerous fundraising activities to bring it to our nation's forefront.

Genevieve had a sharp mind and a great aesthetic sense as well. She encouraged others to pursue knowledge about plants and flowers and the arts. She was an avid gardener and a talented award-winning artist. She painted with oils and watercolors often capturing the beauty of a fresh bloom, an entire garden of flowers or simply a row of ducklings out for a walk with their mother. Mountains, sea shores and other natural scenes often caught the attention of her brushes. She also shaped, painted, and beautifully dressed porcelain dolls and antique vintage style porcelain Christmas Santas which she gave as gifts and often donated for raffles to raise funds for the societies and clubs she supported. In her eighties, with some funding from the MA State Lottery, she designed an art course for seniors in the Palmer area and taught them how to draw and paint as well as how to make the most of visits to art galleries which they toured throughout Massachusetts. In 2007 her watercolor of the Massachusetts State House in the winter won an award and was selected by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, William



F. Galvin, to appear on its annual Christmas Card.

Genevieve had a passion for fashion. For many years she not only sewed beautiful clothing for her family and friends, she also taught sewing for the Girls Club of America in the Ludlow area. An active member of the Polish community, Genevieve participated in a Polish dance group as a young girl and later became an active member of the Kosciusko Foundation in Western MA and New York City that focuses on teaching and celebrating Polish culture and history. Her husband, Stefan, was a trustee of the Kosciusko Foundation and the Pope John Paul II Foundation, so Genevieve worked tirelessly to enhance their success.

Genevieve excelled at culinary arts. She shared its fruits with family, friends, and neighbors especially during the holiday seasons. She taught others how to prepare a tray of pierogi, a kettle of borsch or kapusta, a pan of golabki (cabbage rolls), an Easter babka, an apple pie, or a poppy seed roll and how to dress and decorate a festive table. Her exceptional ability to prepare a tasty dish or sweet treat often attracted neighbors and friends to drop in at will and keep company.

Genevieve was predeceased by her husband Stefan who died in 1991 and her sisters: Janina Wotkun, Major Josephine Betley and Loretta Arsenault as well as her brother, Colonel Walter Betley, who passed away this year of natural causes at 98 in Columbus, Ohio. She is survived by her children: Stefan Ziemian (his late wife Anna Marie Falcinelli) of Phillipsburg, NJ; Retired District Court Judge Robert Ziemian (and his wife Carol Jazab Ziemian) of Westwood, MA and Betsy Ziemian Gadaire (and her late husband Dr. Eugene Gadaire) of McLean, VA; as well as four grandchildren: Leigh Ziemian Todd of New Fairfield, CT; Steven Ziemian (Deborah) of Viera, Florida; Atty. Robert Ziemian (Michelle Fox) of Littleton, CO, and Atty. Jessica Ziemian Wragg (Tyler) of Middlebury, CT and twelve great-grandchildren.

The family is planning a Memorial Service at Christ the King Church in Ludlow and a celebration of life gathering after the corona virus restrictions are lifted. Burial arrangements have been entrusted to the Forastiere Smith Funeral Home in East Longmeadow, MA.

## Antonio Esteves Justo, 81

LUDLOW - Antonio Esteves Justo, 81, of Ludlow passed away at home on May 6, 2020. Born in Meixedo, Portugal, son of the late Domingos and Maria (Esteves) Justo, he immigrated to the United States settling in Ludlow. Antonio worked for many years for Lennox from where he retired and in his spare time, he enjoyed gardening, playing cards, get together with family and friends, and especially his yearly vacations to Portugal. Antonio was the beloved father of Lina Justo, and Elisabete Fraga and husband Jose; a cherished grandfather to his grandchildren Chad, Nico, and Shane Fraga, and Savana and Dakota Sudul; and his great-grandson Christian Fraga; former husband of Bertilia



Pereira Justo; a dear brother to Gracinda, Domingos, and Maria Justo, all of Portugal, and the late Jose Justo; son-in-law of Maria Pereira and late husband Jose; brother-in-law of the late Armando Pereira and his widow Heather; and also leaves many loving nieces and nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Funeral services for Antonio will be held privately by his family in St. Aloysius Cemetery with Ludlow Funeral Home entrusted with his care. A public Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date to be announced and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Antonio's memory to Our Lady of Fatima Church 438 Windsor St. Ludlow, MA 01056.

## AAA advises motorists to curb speed in the wake of alarming April traffic fatalities

REGION - As Massachusetts drivers encounter open roads and light traffic in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, AAA Northeast is urging people to slow down and resist the urge to speed.

According to a MassDOT report, despite a 50 percent year-over-year decline in traffic volume in April, the fatality rate on Massachusetts roads doubled last month as compared to April 2019. Officials say speed and distraction were likely factors in most of these crashes. And it's not only highway drivers who are dying—two thirds of the fatalities occurred on smaller roads, and victims include pedestrians and a cyclist.

"This is something that's impacting Main Street as much as the Interstate, and we're seeing an-across-the-board uptick in speeding," says MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "Driving conditions have changed for a lot of people. We are not used to the open road and tempted to go as fast as possible."


Speeding increases the risk of a drivers losing control of their vehicles as well as the severity of any collision, especially when pedestrians are involved. According to AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety research, speeding is a factor in roughly a third of all traffic

fatalities across the U.S. every year.

And when a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle, the risk of dying increases dramatically the faster the vehicle is going. AAA research shows that the risk of death for a pedestrian is 10 percent at an impact speed of 23 mph. At 32 mph, it increases to 25 percent, and at 42 mph, there's a 50 percent chance a pedestrian will not survive.

With schools closed and stay-at-home orders in effect, many people are taking to the streets on foot and bicycles, especially with the return of sunshine and spring-like temperatures. That's just one reason why AAA Northeast is urging motorists to avoid speeding and distractions during these challenging times.

Speeding increases the risk of a crash because you have less time to react while driving. It takes about 1 second for most drivers to react, and our reaction times don't increase with our speed. And speeding won't save you much time, either. Driving 75 mph instead of 65mph will save less than 4 minutes during a 30-mile drive, assuming perfect driving conditions. Arriving a few minutes earlier is not worth any loss of life. The priority is to reach your destination safely, not quickly.



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## ONGOING

THE MICHAEL J. DIAS FOUNDATION sponsors a support group for families and friends whose loved one is affected by an alcohol/substance use disorder. The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Healthsouth, 222 State St., Ludlow. All are welcome! If you have any questions, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE will be held at East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. The cost to take part is \$20 per year. For more information contact the Senior Center Activities Director at Activity@ludlow.ma.us or 413-583-3564 ext. 1310.

WESTERN MASS RELICS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Slow pitch with two divisions (50-plus and 65-plus). All games played at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club from May to Labor Day. Registration forms and information available at www.wmass-relics.com.

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

BIBLE STUDY: A weekly Bible study led by Ludlow resident Hank Bastos takes place Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 343 Winsor St., Ludlow. Call 348-6487 for more information.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT. Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

## EVENTS

*Editor’s note:* As towns, schools and clubs continue to assess the threat posed by coronavirus, many are making the decision to cancel or postpone their public events, often with little notice. The Register will inform readers about cancellations when known and when the newspaper’s weekly deadline will permit, but readers should be aware of the possibility that events featured in the printed newspaper, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled without enough notice to print an update. The Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers to confirm that it is still taking place before attending.

## TRIPS

The Polish American Veterans of Wilbraham are planning the following trips in 2020.

QUEEN ESTHER The three-day tour to see “Queen Esther” in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Aug. 26 to28 includes deluxe motor coach, two nights at the Bird in Hand Inn, two breakfast buffets at the hotel. Dinner show “Josiah for President” (Dinner #1) and Miller’s Smorgasbord (Dinner #2). “Queen Esther” will have reserved orchestra seats up front. There will be Mount Hope Winery visit, Bird in Hand Farmers Market and Sands Casino visit. There will be a Stop at Mastoris Kitchen Ket-

tle Village and Longwood Gardens. Portchester Diner on return home (meal on own). Baggage handling, all taxes and driver’s gratuity included Cost is \$455 for double occupancy, \$435 for triple occupancy and \$575 for single. Deposit of \$75 at sign up, balance due July 15. Cancellation protection \$39 per person. Bus departs 7 a.m.

DOLLY & KENNY at The Stadium Theater, Woonsocket, Rhode Island on Thursday, Sept. 24. Bringing back Dave & Karen for a second show. Sold out the first show. Package includes motor coach transportation, chicken dinner at Wrights Chicken Restaurant. natinee tribute show with Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, meal taxes and gratuities. Karen Hester is Dolly Parton and David Karl is Kenny Rogers. Cost is \$92 per person. Final payment due Aug. 28. Bus departs 10 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

“GHOST OF A CHANCE” at The Newport Playhouse & Cabaret in Rhode Island. A Victorian-era tragedy is re-enacted in a supposedly haunted house. Package includes roundtrip motor coach, buffet luncheon, Playhouse Comedy Show, a Cabaret Show (two shows), meal taxes and gratuities. Buffet menu includes lettuce bowl, potato salad, beets and onion salad, three-bean salad, bbq ribs, sausage and peppers, roasted chicken, baked ham, baked beans, sweet potatoes, assorted desserts, coffee and tea. Cost \$102 per person and payment is due Sept. 21. Bus departs 8:30 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

For more information on any of the above trips or to reserve a seat call Rich Gosciminski at 413-583-4610. Make checks payable to Polish American Veterans. Mail to Rich Gosciminski,

149 Center St., Apt. #1, Ludlow, MA, 01056. All trips depart from P.A.V, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard, MA.

9 TO 5 MUSICAL The Catholic Woman’s Club of the Diocese of Springfield invites area residents to join the club for a bus trip to see “9 to 5 The Musical” by Dolly Parton, at the Westchester-Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, N.Y., on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The bus leaves the Big Y parking lot in Ludlow at 7:30 a.m. and. returns about 7:30 p.m. Attendees can choose their lunch entree off the menu. Tickets are \$100 and seating is assigned as checks are received. The deadline for payment is June 20. Call Ruth at 413-531-3506 for more information.

SAN ANTONIO HOLIDAY – Dec. 3-7, 2020 Four days at Westin Hotel on the city’s Riverwalk, illuminated for the holidays. Also, city tour, river cruise, Mexican Marketplace, Alamo, Mission San José, LBJ Ranch, German community of Fredericksburg decorated for Christmas, Museum of the Pacific War andmore. \$2,149 pp doubles includes air, taxes, luggage handling, and transportation to/from Bradley Airport. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

### POLANIE CLUB TRIPS

For information and reservations on any of the following trips. please call Loretta @ 413-592-7350, Stacy @ 413-593-1172, or Dianne @ 413-214-3822.

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CRUISING GLOUCESTER HARBOR , Sunday, July 26, 2020. Buffet Lunch aboard the Beauport Princess with DJ music and light narration. visit Rockport and shop in the many galleries. Cost \$ 114. pp \$25. deposit due with reservation Final payment due June 19,.

THE EDWARDS TWINS, Thursday, August 13, 2020. The Number One Impersonation act in the world. Their vocals and looks are amazing. Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, Ct. Coffee & Donuts on arrival, Family Style Menu: Salad, Chicken ala Kathryn, Broiled Scrod, vegetable, potato, dessert, beverage. Cost \$103. pp. \$25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due July 3, 2020

UNCHAINED MELODY: Tuesday, September 22, 2020. starring Jimmy Russo & The Chords, dynamic entertainment at The Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, Ct. Family style meal with Chicken Parmesan, Roast Pork, Pasta with homemade sauce, potato, vegetable, dessert , soda & coffee. Carafes of Red & White Wine on every table. Cost: \$93. pp . \$ 25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due August 14, 2020.

A BOB HOPE USO STYLE TRIBUTE: Thursday, November 12, 2020, featuring Bill Johnson and Holly Faris. at The Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, Ct. A tribute to America’s Veterans. Family style meal Salad, Pasta, Roast Turkey with Gravy and Sliced Roast Beef with gravy, roasted potato, Vegetable, dessert, soda & coffee. Carafes of Red and white Wine on every table. Cost \$ 94. pp \$ 25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due October 2, 2020

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
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(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD20C0097CA**

**In the matter of:  
Cremilde Isabel Bastos**  
**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Cremilde Isabel Bastos of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Cremilde Isabel Santos**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appear-

ance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/02/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 10, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
5/13/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. HD20P0719EA**

**Estate of:  
Christine Marie Fabbo**  
**Date of Death: 11/26/2019**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of**

**Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michael J. Fabbo** of Ludlow MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **06/05/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 06, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
5/13/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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Docket No. HD20P0695EA**

**Estate of:  
Beverly Jane Gentile**  
**Also known as:  
Beverly J Gentile**

**Date of Death: 02/12/2020**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Robert A Gentile, Jr.** of Holyoke, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Robert A Gentile, Jr.** of Holyoke, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
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The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

• **Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what's going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents' lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

• **Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses.** Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

• **Local newspapers can strengthen communities.** Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

• **Local newspapers can benefit children.** National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

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# Dakin Humane Society accepting nominations

## Awards to Honor People Who Improve the Lives of Animals in Their Community

SPRINGFIELD – Dakin Humane Society is accepting nominations from the public for its Dakin Humane Awards until July 31. Nominees should be people who go out of their way to care for animals in need; people who volunteer to help animals; or people and/or animals who have provided significant public service or shown courage in a crisis.

Finalists in each of the award categories will be picked from among the nominees and notified of their selection in August. The award ceremony will be live streamed at a later date in the fall, and one winner in each of the categories will be announced.

There are five awards to be bestowed. They are:

Frances M. Wells Award - This award is given to an individual recognized for

notable contributions to the health and welfare of animals.

Youth Award -This award honors a hero, 16 years or younger, whose extraordinary care and compassion makes a difference in the life of an animal and makes the world a kinder and gentler place.

Champion Award - This award is given to a public servant who makes life better for tens of thousands of animals and people in their community. This award recognizes their dedication and compassion on behalf of animals and people in need.

Richard and Nathalie Woodbury Philanthropy Award -This award pays homage to an individual who displays a remarkable sense of stewardship in sharing time, talent and financial resources to improve the lives of animals and people who love them.

Animal Hero Award - This award recognizes an exceptional animal and handler (when applicable) whose valor and extraordinary devotion to people proved lifesaving in disastrous or challenging health circumstances.

“Originally, we had planned to pres-

ent the 2020 Humane Awards in May,” said Dakin’s Director of Development and Marketing, Stacey Price. “Then the COVID-19 pandemic made that gathering impossible, so we are planning a live stream awards ceremony sometime this fall, which will be announced soon. We are extending our nomination period, and with so many acts of kindness being offered among people these days, we are hoping some folks will nominate someone whose good deeds have helped an animal, as well as the people who love that animal.”

She continued, “For example, it could be someone who cared for a pet while that pet’s person was hospitalized with the virus. Maybe someone organized a fundraiser to help a person keep their pet when faced with sudden unemployment. There are many people who have volunteered at animal shelters, so their dedication could lead to a nomination for them as well. We hope people will nominate someone they know who deserves recognition.”

Nominations are being accepted on-

line only at <http://bit.ly/2NOcgps>. Mail-in nominations will not be accepted. Nominees should be residents of central or western Massachusetts or northern Connecticut.

After July 31, nominations will be reviewed by Dakin Humane Society’s directors and staff, and finalists will be selected. After that, a panel of independent judges will select the winners by voting in each category. The decisions will be based solely on the content of the nomination forms. Nominators are asked to provide thoughtful, concise and specific examples of their nominees’ efforts on behalf of animals.

Dakin Humane Society delivers effective, innovative services that improve the lives of animals in need and the people who care about them from its two locations in Leverett and Springfield, MA. The organization shelters, treats and fosters more than 20,000 animals each year. Dakin is a local non-profit organization that relies solely on contributions from individuals and businesses. For more information, visit [www.dakinhumane.org](http://www.dakinhumane.org).

## Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles cautions of unofficial third-party websites

*Customers are encouraged to use only Mass.Gov/RMV for online RMV Services*

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is cautioning customers to use only Mass.Gov/RMV when they are trying to renew a license or registration or process any business transactions online. Customers may inadvertently come across unofficial third-party websites or “mimic sites” that advertise similar services but have no affiliation with the RMV.

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Massachusetts uses the abbreviation “RMV.” Any website using the phrase “Department of Motor Vehicles” or “DMV” should be avoided.

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The Registry never charges for address changes. If a customer uses a mimic site, the change cannot be guaranteed to have actually gone through.

Any information on these third-party websites may not be accurate, and any details or payments that customers submit may not be secure. The RMV is not responsible for the content or actions taken by these sites. For more information on the dangers of third-party services, visit theMass.Gov/RMV.

Customers with additional questions can contact the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation by calling the Consumer Hotline at (617) 973-8787, or toll-free in MA at (888) 283-3757.

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# Grab ‘N Go lunch launched for those over 60

REGION - Those over 60 years of age, who are social distancing but wish to receive a delicious healthy lunch are invited to participate in Greater Springfield Senior Services Inc. (GSSSI) new “Grab ‘n Go” meal program offered at six (6) community locations. This program launched on May 1st is in response to the needs of older adults impacted by the COVID19 pandemic, those who no longer attend traditional senior dining programs, those limiting trips to supermarkets and those who may face food insecurity challenges.

GSSSI has joined with community partners to create a nutrition alternative. This collaboration has made it possible to offer a Grab ‘n Go lunch program. These partners include: the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, Springfield (Tuesday & Friday), The Gray House, Springfield (Tuesday & Friday), Brimfield Council on Aging (Monday, Wednesday & Friday), Palmer Council on Aging (Tuesday & Thursday), Hampden Council on Aging (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) and Wilbraham Council on Aging (Tuesday & Friday).

Those who wish to check out the menu choices, and for reservation information, please visit [GSSSI.org](http://GSSSI.org) or call GSSSI at (413) 781-2135. Next week’s offerings include Pork Roast with Gravy, Lemon Pepper Chicken, Veggie Hummus Wrap and more! The Grab ‘n Go program does require reservations and requests a confidential voluntary donation of \$2.00.

GSSSI especially appreciates the support of its “start-up funders.” The COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley powered by the Community Foundation of Western Mass and the Jean Griswold Foundation both stepped up to



t’s lunch time in Wilbraham as PVTA driver Elizabeth Rivera hands meal bag to Senior Center Director Paula Dubord and volunteer Sherrie Demetrius is ready to set up for their Grab ‘n Go Program.

provide the necessary financial boost.

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) is transporting food from the caterers to the meal sites. Sandra Sheehan, Administrator PVTA noted, “For years PVTA has transported seniors to centers for lunch and activities. We are now pleased to be bringing the meals to the center for the seniors.” Jill Keough, GSSSI Executive Director in her remarks noted she was overwhelmed by the cooperation from so many community partners.

Key players in this project include the GSSSI catering team. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Elegant Affairs Catering

located in Springfield provides a “Heart Healthy” chilled meal for participants to take home, heat and eat. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Rachael’s Food, LLC of Chicopee will offer gourmet salads and sandwiches.

Springfield Senior Services Inc. provides a variety of in-home and community-based services for older adults, individuals with disabilities and caregivers. Services include information and referral, caregiver support, care management, and protective services for victims of elder abuse. For more information about GSSSI please call 413-781-8800 or visit [GSSSI.org](http://GSSSI.org).



Leila Brady is on the job at the Brimfield Senior Center Grab ‘n Go site. After seniors receive their meal, they are welcome to make a lunch reservation for the next day.



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